

# International Research Office

## **Background**

The International Research Office (IRO) of the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) is located in London. Its mission is to promote cooperation between ERDC and foreign researchers as a means to advance science and engineering knowledge and technical capabilities in areas relevant to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' mission. The ERDC's research and development (R&D) efforts are currently focused on five primary areas in support of Army transformation and its civil works activities: Warfighter Support, Installations, Environment, Water Resources, and Information Technology.

## **Organization**

The IRO supports seven ERDC laboratories at four locations in the United States to address the Corps' need for innovation in science and engineering: the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory in Champaign, Ill.; Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, N.H.; Topographic Engineering Center in Alexandria, Va.; and the Coastal and Hydraulics, Geotechnical and Structures, Environmental, and Information Technology Laboratories in Vicksburg, Miss.

#### **Business Areas**

ERDC R&D activities are organized under four business areas: Battlespace Environment, Civil Works, Military Engineering, and Environmental Quality and Installations. The IRO is responsible for establishing links to relevant R&D efforts overseas as a means to add value to ERDC research programs within each of these business areas.

## **Capabilities**

The IRO's capabilities for engaging overseas R&D opportunities include support for travel by experts; support for focused technical workshops; support for international conferences; and research contracting. Researchers or research institutions interested in such support should contact the IRO for more information or visit the IRO Web site.

### **Point of Contact**

For more information about the ERDC-IRO, please visit their Web site at <a href="http://www.ehis.navy.mil/coe-london">http://www.ehis.navy.mil/coe-london</a>, or contact the ERDC-IRO by telephone: +44 (0) 207-514-4902. E-mail contacts are rkennedy@usaitca.army.mil or jrichmond@usaitca.army.mil.